

Country Club Notes

By Robert E. Harlow

If a veteran sporting writer were asked to name the big league circuits of American athletic competition he would probably start with Madison Square Garden, and then name the Polo grounds for baseball, the Harvard Stadium and Yale Bowl for football, the Thames river for boat races, Newport and the West Side Tennis Club for tennis and Pinehurst for golf.

There has been more high-class golf competition in Pinehurst than in any other spot in the world in the period of twenty-five years during which the resort has been built to its present place of leadership. It is the ambition of all golfers to play at Pinehurst and hundreds of thousands have had the privilege. Each season, hundreds of old friends return and new comers are initiated into the mysteries of the sand greens.

This season opened with a new event for Pinehurst, a professional-amateur best ball foursome, and it proved so successful that it will become one of the important tournaments on the program. The money prizes given were large, and attracted a fine lot of professionals. Next fall the entry will undoubtedly be the strongest that ever played in an event of the kind.

Golfers are looking ahead with much expectation for the events to come, which will attract to Pinehurst practically all of the leading professional golfers and many of the foremost amateurs. It is likely that Francis Ouimet will defend his title as North and South amateur champion, and, if so, he will have plenty of competition.

Chick Evans, National Amateur champion, has written as follows:

"I do hope that things will arrange themselves so that I might be in Pinehurst sometime this winter."

D. E. (Ned) Sawyer, Metropolitan champion writes:

"I am looking forward with great hopes to getting down to Pinehurst during February or March."

James D. Standish says he will be on hand later unless all the bridges are burned down. J. Wood Platt, undoubtedly the most picturesque young man in amateur golf, informed the writer that he would like to take a crack at the North and South amateur and bring George Hoffner along with him.

Platt and Hoffner, with Max Marston, are Philadelphia's leading amateur golfers.

Atlanta is not far away and Bobby Jones might possibly come up for the North and South. If there is any golfer in America worth looking over it is Bobby Jones. For those gentlemen who spend hours at the Pinehurst clubhouse and in the lobbies of the hotels, discussing the intricacies of the swing, Bobby would be a real treat, for the Atlanta lad hits the ball so well that even a committee of Tin Whistles could not point out a blemish.

Besides these cracks of the game there will, of course, be the usual quota of first-class amateurs, not quite champions, but fully capable of making it interesting for champions. Some of this number are Pinehurst regulars and their intimate knowledge of local conditions make them even more formidable than might be expected.

R. Blackington of the Highland Golf Club of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, had a most unusual experience while playing the 17th hole in a match in the mid-winter tournament against R. C. Blancke, of Montclair. His tee shot landed in a bunker, close up to the side. He smashed into the sand with his niblick and later found the ball in a pocket of

two, one in three, and four in one. This was better than has been done in a number of contets for men.

W. E. Truesdell of Fox Hills, Long Island, twice Seniors' champion, can still hold up his end with the younger golfers. He played recently in a foursome with A. L. Walker, Jr., former Intercollegiate champion, James Ward, Trans-Mississippi champion, and Bill Donahue, winner of the medal in the qualifying round of the mid-winter tournament, and held up his end remarkably well. Truesdell and Walker won the match one up.

Jack Jolly of the St. Mungo Golf Ball Company, has returned to Pinehurst for his annual visit and is entertaining members of the Country Club with tales of his experiences last summer, when he played on practically every golf course in Scotland. He declares the Glen Eagles course to be the best he visited. Jack will remain in Pinehurst for some time.

Emmet French shot a round of 70 on the championship course Friday while playing with Mrs. Donald Parson in a match against Mr. Parson and Mrs. John D. Chapman. The match was scored with a point for the best ball and worst ball at each hole, and Mrs. Parson and French won by 8 and 6. French was out in 33, as follows: 444 442 443—33.

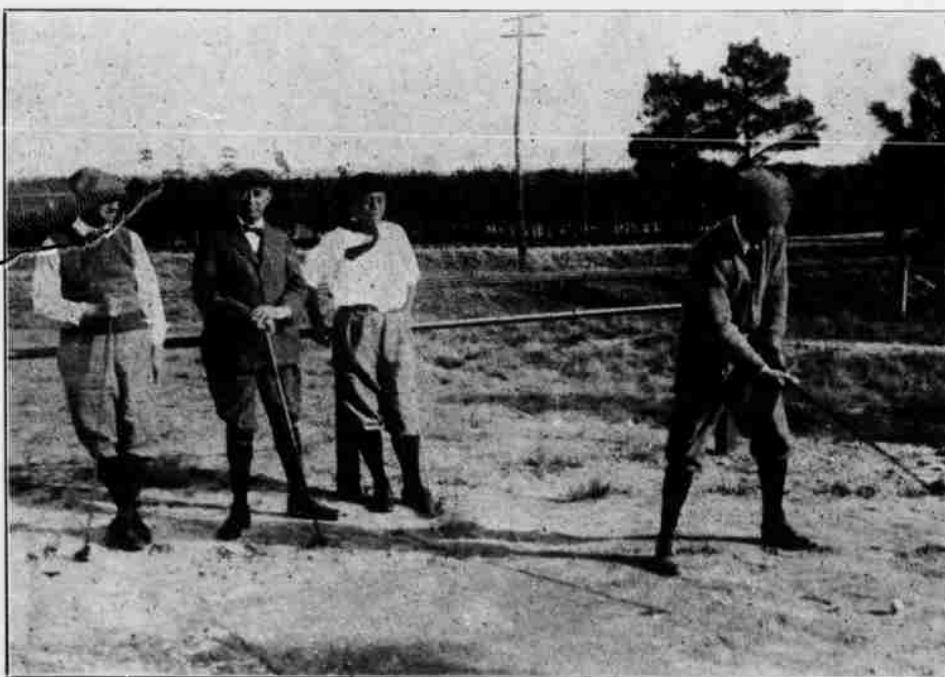
The names of Frank Presbrey of New York and Dr. R. E. Sproule of Boston have been proposed for life membership in the Tin Whistles, Pinehurst's famous golf club. Dr. Sproule divides his time between England and the United States. He is a member of the Mid-Surrey and other British clubs of Belmont Spring and Woodland in Boston. He has crossed the Atlantic more than 50 times, carrying his golf clubs along on most of the journeys. Dr. Sproule is now registered at the Carolina and enjoys Pinehurst so much he will make a long stay here.

H. B. Swoope, a member of the Overbrook Golf Club, scored a two on the third hole of the Number Two course last week. He drove a ball down the middle and then hit a brassie shot into the cup. He searched some time for the ball before finding it hidden in the cup. H. B. Porter obtained the first "one" of the 1921 season, when he dropped his tee shot at the sixth hole on Number Two course. A. S. Higgins later had a "one" on the ninth hole.

Detroit golf clubs may join in a movement to provide good caddies for courses in that neighborhood. It is proposed that Charles Gordon be appointed caddy supervisor for all clubs, with the understanding that he establish rules and regulations that will make for better caddying.



A. L. Walker, Jr., (Winner), and J. D. Chapman, (Runner-up)
Final of Midwinter Tournament



Members of the Recent Republican-Democratic Tourney played at Pinchurst
Left to Right—Justices Edw. R. Finch and John M. Tierney, Thos. W. Churchill
and Elihu Root, Jr.

Pinehurst golfers are finding the usual excellent service at the club, under the able direction of Donald Ross. From the minute a player steps into the locker room and is greeted by Lester's "Yass, S-a-rr—I got your num-BER," until he leaves, he finds everything arranged for his comfort.

The next big tournament will begin January 31, and continue until February 5. It will be the Sixteenth Annual St. Valentine's Tournament, which usually attracts the largest entrance list of the year

his leather golf jacket. Without informing Mr. Blancke where it was, Mr. Blackington inquired if he had to play the ball wherever it happened to be. Mr. Blancke said that he did, and had a good laugh when Mr. Blackington emptied his pocket. As a matter of fact, Mr. Blackington lost the hole when the ball struck him.

Women prove to be as adept at putting on the sand greens here as men, and in a recent putting tournament Miss Clarissa Metcalf won with the fine score of 21 for 12 corners making seven corners in